

# Memorandum

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Subject: Summary of Oversight of Chemical Water Column Monitoring

September 4-6, 2019

Lower Passaic River Restoration Project

On behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Kansas City District, CDM Federal Programs Corporation (CDM Smith) traveled to the Lower Passaic River Study Area (LPRSA) on Wednesday, September 4 through Friday, September 6, 2019 and provided field technical oversight for the second round of surface water sampling associated with the Chemical Water Column Monitoring (CWCM) program.

Water sampling was conducted at 5 different locations along the Lower Passaic River at the following river mile (RM) locations: RM 8.4, RM 10.2, RM 12.0, RM 13.5, and RM 15.8. Only one sample was collected from RM 15.8 from a mid-depth of the river. For the remaining four locations, two samples were collected from each location, one from the top of the RM location approximately 3 feet below the surface, and the second from the bottom, approximately 2 feet above the river bottom; samples were collected during both flood and ebb tides from each river mile station. Samples were collected using a peristaltic pump to pump water directly into the sample containers. Water quality parameters were recorded at the time of sampling for each location, and a vertical profile was performed before and after samples were collected. Field activities were conducted by Ocean Surveys, Inc. (OSI) and AECOM on behalf of the Cooperating Parties Group (CPG). Anchor QEA provided field support on behalf of the CPG. Split samples were collected by CDM Smith on September 5, 2019.

The fixed point monitoring locations are presented in Figure 1 from the CPG's quality assurance project plan (QAPP). Oversight was conducted in accordance with CDM Smith's Final QAPP for CWCM, dated September 3, 2019. Photographs of field activities are presented in Attachment 1. A copy of the field logbook notes is provided in Attachment 2. A copy of the sample tracking log is provided in Attachment 3.

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# Summary of Wednesday, September 4, 2019 Field Activities

## **Personnel in Attendance**

Troy Gallagher – CDM Smith Alexandra Allen – OSI Jeff Pydeski – OSI Clare Murphy-Hagan – AECOM Mike Tatarelli – AECOM Chris Yates – Anchor QEA

All personnel met at the 1 Madison Street boat dock in Rutherford, New Jersey. OSI and AECOM rode in OSI's boat, which was equipped with equipment for sampling. Anchor QEA and CDM Smith were aboard a separate boat to provide oversight.

All personnel mobilized to RM 8.4 to begin collecting the samples during the flood tide. Upon arrival to RM 8.4, YSI water quality parameters were recorded by AECOM personnel, and sample containers were labeled to prepare for collection. A vertical profile of water quality parameters was taken before sample collection as well. The peristaltic pump was turned on, and sample collection began from the bottom of RM 8.4. After all sample containers were filled, the YSI was raised and the tubing was replaced to begin collection from the top of the river. Water quality parameters were recorded, and then the sample collection began. All samples that were collected were placed in coolers, and then placed on the boat with Anchor QEA and CDM Smith. A vertical profile of water quality parameters was collected after sample collection to complete sampling activities at this location.

All personnel mobilized to RM 10.2 to begin collecting the samples during the flood tide. AECOM recorded water quality parameters from the YSI, and sample containers were labeled to prepare for collection. A vertical profile of water quality parameters was collected before sample collection as well. The peristaltic pump was turned on, and sample collection began from the bottom of the RM 10.2 location. After all sample containers were filled, the YSI was raised and tubing was replaced to begin collection from the top of the river. Water quality parameters were recorded, and then the sample collection began. A field duplicate was collected by AECOM at this location in addition to the field samples. A final vertical profile of water quality parameters was collected to finish up sampling activities at RM 10.2. Both crews returned back to the 1 Madison Street dock to hand off full coolers with samples to personnel in the trailer.

The crew waited on shore until the tide in the river changed so the collection of the ebb tide samples could begin. Due to the threat of an impending thunderstorm, AECOM planned to collect ebb tide samples from RM 13.5 due to its close proximity to the dock instead of going back to the locations samples in the morning, so evacuation could be swift if a storm began. Both boats mobilized to RM 13.5 and began preparations for sampling. OSI collected a vertical profile of water quality parameters and AECOM recorded water quality parameters and labeled bottleware. Samples were collected from the Diamond Alkali OU4 CWCM Oversight-September 4-September 6 2019

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bottom of RM 13.5 during the ebb tide. The YSI was raised to the surface, and the tubing was replaced. Water quality parameters were recorded, and the samples were collected from the surface of RM 13.5. A final vertical profile of water quality parameters was collected to conclude the activities at RM 13.5.

All personnel mobilized to RM 12.0 to begin collecting the samples during the ebb tide. OSI collected a vertical profile of water quality parameters and AECOM recorded water quality parameters and labeled bottleware. Samples were collected from the bottom of RM 12.0 during the ebb tide. The YSI was raised to the surface, and the tubing was replaced. Water quality parameters were recorded, and the samples were collected from the surface of RM 12.0. A final vertical profile of water quality parameters was collected to conclude the activities at this location. Both boats returned to the 1 Madison Street dock to unload coolers and prepare coolers for shipment.

# Summary of Thursday, September 5, 2019 Field Activities

# **Personnel in Attendance**

Troy Gallagher – CDM Smith Alexandra Allen – OSI Jeff Pydeski – OSI Clare Murphy-Hagan – AECOM Mike Tatarelli – AECOM Chris Yates – Anchor QEA

All personnel met at the 1 Madison Street boat dock in Rutherford, New Jersey. OSI and AECOM rode in OSI's boat, which was equipped with equipment for sampling. Anchor QEA and CDM Smith rode in a support boat for observation and oversight. All personnel mobilized downstream to RM 12.0.

All personnel mobilized to RM 12.0 to begin collecting the samples during the flood tide. AECOM recorded water quality parameters from the YSI, and sample containers were labeled to prepare for collection. A vertical profile of water quality parameters was taken before sample collection as well. The peristaltic pump was turned on, and sample collection began from the bottom of the RM 12.0 location. After all sample containers were filled, the YSI was raised and tubing was replaced to begin collection from the top of the river. Water quality parameters were recorded, and then the sample collection began. A final vertical profile of water quality parameters was collected to finish up sampling activities at RM 12.0

All personnel mobilized to RM 13.5 to begin collecting the samples during the flood tide. AECOM recorded water quality parameters from the YSI, and sample containers were labeled to prepare for collection. A vertical profile of water quality parameters was taken before sample collection as well. The peristaltic pump was turned on, and sample collection began from the bottom of the RM 13.5 location.

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After all sample containers were filled, the YSI was raised and tubing was replaced to begin collection from the top of the river. Water quality parameters were recorded, and then the sample collection began. CDM Smith collected a split sample from the surface of RM 13.5 during flood tide sampling, including a field duplicate. AECOM alternated filling their bottles and filling the CDM Smith bottles to make sure both samples were representative of the sample location. The split sample was collected with the sample identification of 19O-CE02-T135-AS-CDM and 19O-CE02-T135-AS-CDM-100 for the sample and the duplicate, respectively. A final vertical profile of water quality parameters was collected to finish up sampling activities at RM 13.5, and both boats returned back to the field facility to wait for the change of tides.

During the time in between tides, Troy Gallagher packed all of the split sample containers in coolers and prepared them for shipment through FedEx. Surface water samples were sent to SGS AXYS laboratory to be analyzed for pesticides, PCBs, PAHs, and dioxin/furans; Katahdin Analytical Services was sent surface water samples to be analyzed for TOC, POC, TSS, and total and dissolved metals. Four coolers were dropped off at FedEx for overnight delivery.

No oversight was provided for the ebb tide sampling (at RM 8.4 and RM 10.2) during this day due to the priority of getting the sample coolers shipped to meet holding time requirements.

# Summary of Friday, September 6, 2019 Field Activities

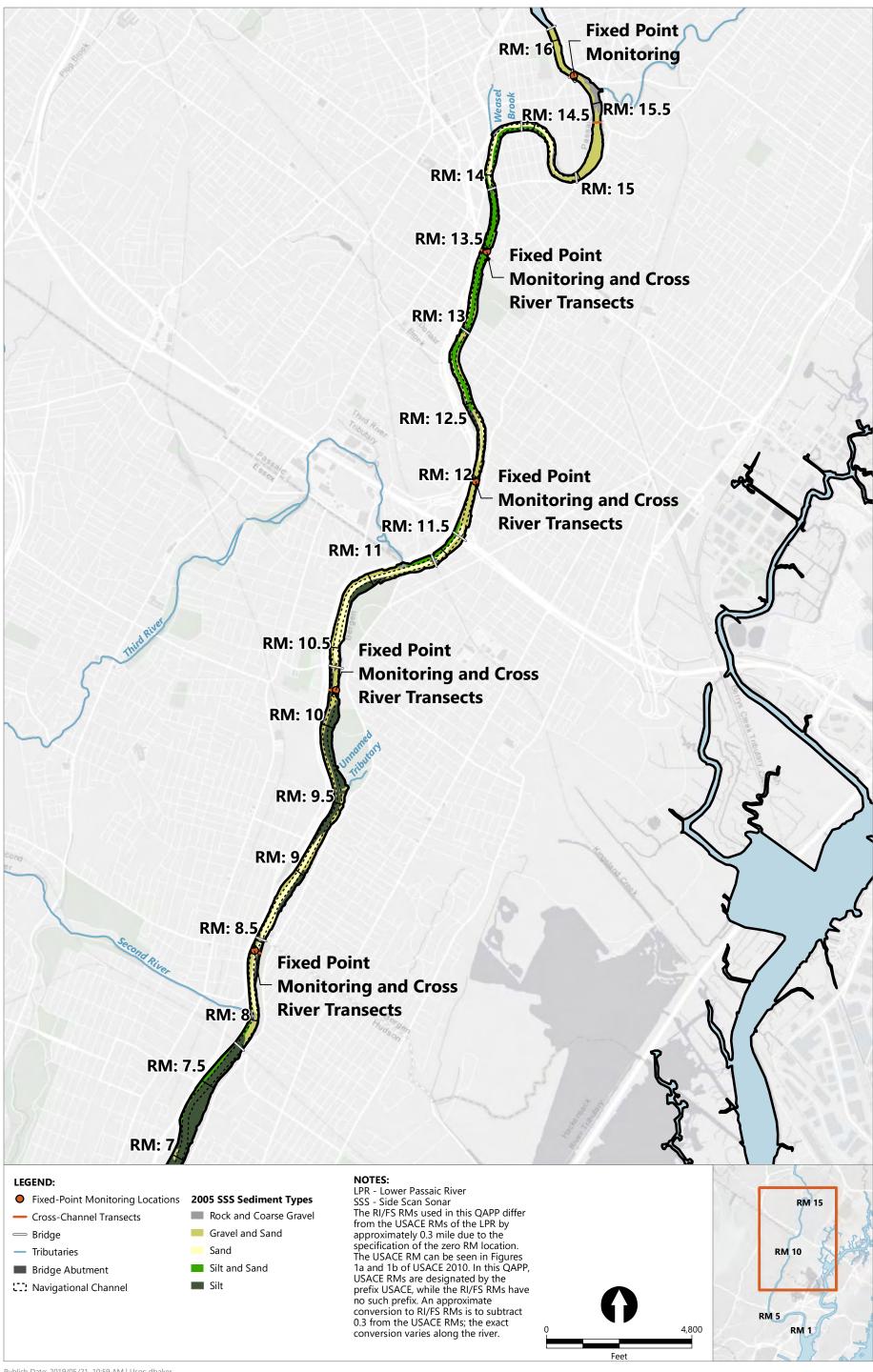
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All personnel met at the 1 Madison Street boat dock in Rutherford, New Jersey. OSI and AECOM rode in OSI's boat, and Anchor QEA and CDM Smith provided oversight form a separate boat. Both physical and chemical events took place during this day; the chemical water column monitoring activities performed on September 6<sup>th</sup> are described below, while the physical water column monitoring activities are summarized in a separate field report.

Both boats departed the dock and headed to RM 15.8 to collect the final CWCM sample for this event. OSI collected a vertical profile of water quality parameters, and AECOM recorded the water quality parameters. AECOM collected only one sample from this location at a mid-depth, instead of two total samples like the other locations from top and bottom, per the QAPP. Samples were collected and a final vertical profile of water quality parameters was taken, completing the CWCM event.

# Figure 1



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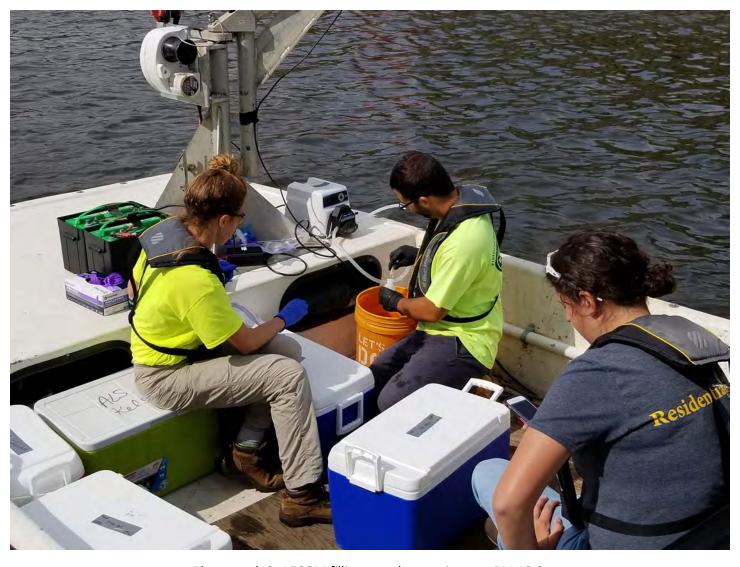
# Attachment 1 Photographs of Field Activities



Photograph 1: OSI replacing tubing on YSI before sample collection. 09/04/2019



Photograph 2: AECOM filling sample containers at RM 12.0. 09/05/2019



Photograph 3: AECOM filling sample containers at RM 12.0. 09/05/2019



Photograph 4: AECOM collecting CDM Smith filtered split sample from RM 13.5. 09/05/2019



Photograph 5: AECOM collecting samples directly into sample containers from pump. 09/05/2019



Photograph 6: AECOM colleting samples from RM 15.8 during a light rain. 09/06/2019

# Attachment 2

Field Logbook

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Location Rutherford NJ Date 9/4/19 Project/Client Lower Passaic River/USACE Diamond Alkali OU4/ CWCM Troy Gallagher (TG) arrive @ 1 Madison St. dock and waits for OSI crew to board boat. Weather: 80°F partly cloudy, windy PPE: Level D, PFD Purpose: Oversight of CWCM event Chris Yates (Anchor QEA), Alexandra Allen and Jeff Pydeski (OSI) arrive and begin loading equipment onto boats. Clare Murphy - Hagan and Mike Tatorelli (AECOM) arrive on boat. H+S meeting conducted boat safety and weather. AECOM + OSI will be on the sampling boat Anchor QEA + CDM will be on observation boat. Depart dock and mobilize to RM 8.4 Arrive at RM 8.4. AECOM crew begins preparations for sampling MS/MSD will be collected here by AECOM. Waiting until 9:15 to begin collecting samples to work with the tide. CM and TG agree to take EPA split tomorrow & RM 13.5 (flood tide) 9/4/19 Rete in the Rai

Location Rutherford NJ Date 9/4/19 Project/Client Lower Passaic River/USACE Diamond Alkali DU4/cwcm 915 OSI performs vertical profile w/ VSI. AECOM labeling bottleware, and recording water quality parameters. Sample from bottom to be collected first. Begin pumping from bottom and filling sample jars. Sample collected, For Flood tide at RM 8.4, bottom 945 Collect sample parameters and raise YSI and tubing to the surface, Replace tubing, and re-deploy YSI into water. Set up pump and collect water quality parameters. 1000 Begin pumping and collection of samples for flood tide, RM 8.4, top. 1012 Collect final water quality parameters. Deport from RM 8.4 and 25 after performing final vertical profile. Mobilize to RM 10.2 Arrive @ RM 10.2. AECOM will take a duplicate from the surface location here. OSI boat preparing equipment for sampling.

Location Rutherford NJ Date 9/4/19 Project/Client Lower Passaic River/USACE Diamond Alkali OUY / CWCM Preparing tubing and labeling sample containers. Perform vertical profile. Water quality parameters taken. Sample collected from bottom of RM 10.2, flood tide

1055 Collect water quality parameters and raise YSI. Replace tubing and prepare for surface sample. Samples collected from surface @ RM 10.2 flood tide Final parameters taken and vertical profile performed. Depart RM 10.2 and head back to 1 Madison St. dock. Arrive at dock and unload all coolers onto shore. Crew will take lunch. To back on-site at 1 Madison St. dock waiting for crew to meet. 1435 OSI, Anchor, AECOM, and CDM meet on dock and load up all equipment and coolers onto boats. Depart dock and head to RM 13.5. Due to possible thunder in the afternoon 13.5 will be sampled b/c it is close to the dock for evacuation. 9/4/19

Location Rutherford NJ Date 9/4/19 Project/Client Lower Passaic River/USACE Diamond Alkali 04/cwcM 1305 Arrive at RM 13.5 and begin labeling bottleware and preparing for sampling. 1327 Perform vertical profile and collect water quality parameters before begining sampling. 1540 Collect samples from the bottom of RM 13.5, ebb tide. 1550 Pull up YSI and replace tubing. Prepare to collect next sample, Water quality parameters taken. 1605 Samples collected from surface @ RM 13.5 ebb tide. 1615 Final parameters taken and lost vertical profile performed. Crew mobilizes towards dock to hand off Full coolers. Then depart to RM12.0 1633 Arrive at RM 12.0. OSI performs vertical profile while AECOM labels bottleware. Water quality parameters collected. 1643 Samples collected from bottom of RM 12.0, ebb tide. Water quality parameters recorded and YSI brought to surface,

Location Rutherford NJ Date 9/4/19 Project/Client Lower Passalc River/USACE Diamond Alkali DUY/CWCM tubing changed. 1705 Samples collected from surface @ 1727 ( ) + 10, ebb + de Last parameters and vertical profile performed. Both boats head out from RM 12.0 and back to 1 Madison St. dock. To offsite to Edison to get sample containers and print items for tomorrow's split samples. Rite in the Rain

Location Rutherford NJ Date 9/5/19 Project/Client Lower Passaic River/USACE Diamond Alkali OU4 / CWCM TG onsite at 1 Madison St. dock. Weather: 85°F partly cloudy PPE: Level D. PFD Purpose: Oversight of CWCM sampling including collection of split sample TG begins labeling botheware that will be used for sample collection, and preparing coolers. 915 All bottles labeled, coolers kept on Anchor QEA's boat. Meet up with crow. Alexandra Allen + Jeff Pydeski (OSI), Clare Murphy- Hagan + Mike Tatarelli (AECOM) will ride on OSI's boat TG and Chris Yates (AREA) will ride on the observation boat. 925 H+5 neeting on dock given by MT. Both boats depart from dock and head towards RM 12.0. 940 Arrive at RM 12.0 and wait for sampling time to begin preparations. 1008 Set up tubing and perform vertical profile. Water quality parameters recorded. 10 15 Samples collected from bottom of RM 12.0, flood tide. - 15/19

Location Rutherford N) Date 9/5/19 Project/Client Lower Passaic River/USACE Diamond Alkali OU4/ CWCM 1025 Parameters collected. YSI and tubing raised to surface. Tubing replaced. YSI redeployed, preparing for sample collection. 1040 Samples collected from surface @ RM 12.0 flood tide. Vortical profile completed. Both boats mobilize to 1 Madison dock to exchange 1105 Both boats mobilize to RM 13.5. CDM Smith will collect a split sample at the surface location @ 13.5, including a duplicate and MS/MSD. Arrive at RM 13.5 AECOM prepares tubing while OSI performs vertical profile. Bottles are being labeled. AECOM collects samples from the bottom of RM 13.5, flood tide Water quality parameters collected. Water quality parameters collected and YSI brought to surface to replace tubing CDM split coolers handed off .. to OSI boat Split samples will be collected at the same time as AECOM's samples by alternating bottleware. 9/5/19 Rete in the Rein

Location Rutherford NJ Date 9/5/19 Project/Client Lower Passaic River/USACE Diamond Alkali OU4 / CWCM TG boards OSI boat to observe the split sample collection. AECOM will fill all their filtered samples, then fill all CDM's filtered samples. Then AECOM will fill their remaining bottleware and switch to CDM's bottleware to complete campling. 1150 190 - CE02-T135 -AS -CDM and 190 - CE02 -T135 -AS -CDM-100 samples collected from surface @ RM 13.5, flood tide, as well as AECOM samples. Final water quality parameters collected and vertical profile performed. Both boats mobilize to 1 Madison dock to bring samples on shore. 1250 TG offsite to pack coolers for shipment today through Fedtx. 1500 All coolers packed, TG drives to FedEx to drop off coolers. 15 30 Coolers handed off to Fed Ex. TG will not be back onsite in time For second half of oversight, will continue tomorrow. 16 - 9/5/19

Location Rutherford NJ Date 9/5/19 Project/Client Lower Passaic River / USACE Diamond Alkali OU4/CWCM 1600 TG arrives at residence, speaks with Andy Bullard, and Clore, to discuss plans for tomorrow. To will send emails to labs to alert shipment. Waiting for instructions on start time tomorrow.

Location Rutherford NJ Date 9/6/19 Project / Client Lower Passaic / USACE Diamond Alkali OU4/ PWCM + CWCM TG arrives at 1 Madison dock. Weather: 70°F overcast LevelD, PFD PPE: Purpose 1 Conclude oversight of CWCM and begin PWCM. Split samples to be takenfor the PWCM event. 1015 TG labels bottlevare in preparation for sampling. OSI erew is getting all equipment ready on boat. 1035 TG board boats on dock with Alex Allen + Jeff Podeski (OSI) Chris Yates (AQEA), Clore Murphy-Hagan + Mike Tatarelli (AEcom). H+5 briefing conducted. CDM splits will be conducted at 5 PWCM locations, and a dup and Ms/MSD will be collected. Prepare to depart dock and head 1100 to first station to begin PWCM Event 19D. Steve Flowe (AECOM); isos. Arrive @ RM 12.0, Waiting for 1107 OST boat to arrive to begin PWCM sampling event. First CDM split will be collect at the surface location here. - 25 9/6/19

Location Rutherford NJ Date 9/6/19 13 Project / Client LPR / USACE Diamond Alkali OUY/PWCM+CWCM 1125 AECOM setting up to sample @ RM 12.0. Labeling bottleware. AREA boat is anchored away from OSI boot while they get in position. OSI deploys YSI @ PI @ RM 12.0. No sample to be collected here. 1145 AECOM collects samples at P2 @ RM 12.0. CDM split sample also collected from the surface at this 10 cation 19D- CE02-T120-P2AS-COM 1205 OSI deploys YSI at next point on RM 12.0 transect. AECOM prepares to collect samples from P4. CDM split will be collected from this location as well. 19D-CE02-T120-P4BS-CDM 1220 AECOM to sample PG @ RM12.0, 1225 San 16 Samples collected from PG at RM 12.0. AECOM collects their samples as well as the CDM split. 19D - CEO2-T120 - PGAS - COM 1235 Both boats depart RM 12. 0 and head to RM 13.5. -

Location Rutherford NJ Date 9/6/19 Project / Client LPR / USACE Diamond Alkal: OU4/PWCM+CWCM Acrive at RM 13.5 DSI boats scouts transect while AECOM crew labels bottleware. 1300 OSI and AECOM setting up to begin sampling across transect. AECOM to collect first samples at P2 @ RM 13.5. Samples collected @ P2 on RM 13.5. 1305 190 - CEO2-T135-P2BS-CDM 1325 Samples collected from P4 @ 13.5, 190-CE02-T135-P4AS-CDM) 19D- CEOZ-T135-P4AS-CDM-100 MS/MSD volume also collected from this location. Both boats head back to dock to end flood tide sampling. TG offsite to buy ice and pack 2 coolers with all splits collected to be shipped for Sat. delivery. TG drops both coolers off at FedEx for delivery, heads back to 1 Madison dock to await ebb fide CWCM + PWCM sampling. 9/6/19

Location Rutherford NJ Date 9/6/19 15 Project / Client LPR / USACE Diamond Alkali OU4/PWCM+ CWCM 1600 TG back onsite, waiting for OST + AECOM crew to board boat. Heavy rains begin. 1700 Board OSI boat and prepare to go to RM 15.8 for final CWCM sample. 1730 Arrive @ RM 15.8. One sample to be collected by AECOM at middepth for CWCM. 1740 Vertical profile performed. Dample to be collected at 8ft. Water quality parameters taken. Sampler collected. 1755 Final parameters and vertical RM 15.8 Portorned Depart From 1830 Arrive @ RM 12.0 to begin PWCM sampling event for ebb tide. No more split samples will be collected today. 1845 Begin measurements & PI w/ YSI 1857 Arrive PZ. YSI measurements taken. AECOM samples collected. from top and bottom. 9/6/19 Rite in the Rain

Project / Client LPR / USACE Date 9/6/19 Diamond Alkali O44/PWCM+CWCM Vertical profile @ P3, RM 12.0 Vertical profile @ P4 completed. AECOM collects samples from top and bottom @ P4

1920 Profile @ P5 complete Profile @ PG complete. AECOM collects samples from topt bottom of location of mid 1940 Depart RM 12.0 and head up to RM 13.5 for Final sample collection. 1950 Arrive @ RM 13.5 1957 Vertical profile @ P1 completed 2000 Profile @ P2 completed. AECOM collects samples from top and bottom of P2 2015 Profile & P3 completed Profile & PH completed. AECOM collects samples from \$2030 Profile & P5 completed. 2035 Profile @ PG completed. AECOM collects samples from top and bottom. - 18 9/6/19

Project/Client LPR/USACE
Diamond Allcali DU4/PWCM+CWCM 2045 Profile @ P7 completed Crew heads back to dock. 2100 TG offsite a/6/19

# Attachment 3 Sample Tracking Log

### SAMPLE TRACKING LOG

	LDL VOC LAB:	INORGANIC CLP LAB:
CLP CASE NO:	ORGANIC CLP LAB:	SUBCONTRACT LAB: Katah din

SAMPLE ID	SAMPLE DATE	SAMPLE TIME	MATRIX	DEPTH (feet)	LDL VOC CLP NO.	ORGANIC CLP NO.	INORGANIC CLP NO.	SUBCONTRACT ANALYSIS	QA/QC
190-cE02-T135 -A5-CDM	9/5/19	11:50	sw	A		-	-	SSC, POC, DOC TAL Metals	Ms/msD
190- CE02-T135 -AS- CBM-100	J	11:50	1	Α	-	•	-	1	Duplicate
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ANALYSIS SUMMARY: \_\_\_\_\_\_ SSC = Sospended solid concentration / POC = particulate organic carbon / DOC = \_\_\_\_\_\_ dissolved organic carbon / TAL Metals = Metals total and dissolved.

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190 - CE02 - T135 -As - CDM	9/5/19	11:50	sw	Д	_	•	_	D/F, PCBs, Pest, PAHs	ms/msD
190 - CE02 -T135 -AS- CDM -100	11:	11:50	50	A	_	-	-	1	Duplicate
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ANALYSIS SUMMARY: D/F = Dioxin/Furans / PCBs = Polychlorinated Biphenyls / Pest = Organochlorina

Pesticides / PAH = polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons